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2001 Octavius Morgan Awards

The Board recently announced the Octavius Morgan Award recipients for 2001. As in 2000, the first year of the awards, those honored have given tirelessly to the Board for many years. Without the knowledge, hard work, and generosity of volunteers like these, we would not be able to fulfill our mission of protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the public.



Richard Crowell



Cynthia Easton



George Ikenoyama



Jack Paddon



Fred Yerou

The recipients of the 2001 award were:

RICHARD CROWELL, Honorary AIACC
Monterey

If you want to compliment Dick Crowell, mistake him for an architect or an engineer. The first Octavius Morgan Award recipient who is not an architect, Crowell has spent more than 30 years working with architectural and engineering firms on risk management, loss prevention, insurance and liability issues. In that time, he has come to understand the nuances of practice as well as most architects do.

"I hope that my contribution to the profession, from giving talks and working on the Regulatory and Enforcement Committee to helping create informative documents, has added something to the profession," said Crowell.

He added, "From a personal standpoint, I've truly enjoyed working with architects and engineers because of the quality of people I've met. They are intelligent, creative, remarkably ethical, and dedicated to their profession. And, luckily for me, they seem to appreciate the help I've been able to provide. Okay, and it has been fun."

As a former chief financial officer and insurance broker, he has dedicated 23 years to the Regulatory and Enforcement Committee and volunteered countless hours reviewing enforcement cases. In addition, he helped draft the *Building Official Information Guide*, the *Consumer's Guide to Hiring an Architect*, CAB's Disciplinary Guidelines, numerous newsletter articles, and other publications. He has also served on the Survey Framework Committee for the Post-Licensure Competency Study and the 1998 Forensic Specialists Focus



President's Message

By L. Kirk Miller, FAIA, Board President

Strategic Plan: Early every year, the Board holds a two-day Strategic Planning Session to review the activities and accomplishments of the past year; refocus on its mission, vision, values, and goals; and to plan for the future. This year, the Board identified six specific key issues:

Education: CAB has asked the profession, led by The American Institute of Architects, California Council (AIACC), to work with it in holding an Educator/Practitioner Roundtable later this year to improve communications between the schools of architecture and practicing architects. It will also seek specific recommendations for positive changes to be made to the school curriculums.

Internship: CAB will continue to address the actions required to implement a mandatory Intern Development Program (IDP) by 2005. These include drafting regulations and having them approved, and working with practitioners, AIA, NCARB, interns, and licensing candidates on the requirements and impacts of the program.

The Board has also established a Competency-Based IDP Task Force to study and make recommendations on whether and how completion of IDP could be based on the intern's competency, rather than just on the number of hours spent on each of the IDP training areas. The Board has strong concerns that "seat-time" alone may not adequately prepare future architects.

Post-Licensure Competency: We have just completed a three-year study of the profession, which included focus groups, a task force study, and a scientific survey. The study concluded that while mandatory continuing education is not warranted at this time, there are areas of potential proficiency problems involving the technical, professional practice, and communication skills of practitioners. An implementation task force has been established to recommend how these areas might be strengthened.

Enforcement: CAB averages at least one formal consumer complaint every business day. We continue to seek improvement in the complaint handling and disciplinary processes; the questions of responsible control for those stamping and signing drawings; construction contract administration and observation; reporting of dispute settlements; and reporting names of firms where architects are practicing.

Information Technology: The Board will be addressing issues such as electronic seals, plan checking, permitting, and data transfer.

NCARB Relations: CAB's goal is to influence NCARB's decision making to benefit certificate holders, exam candidates, interns, and the public. The Board will continue to seek leadership positions, increase its presence on NCARB committees, work with other large states, and be more effective with states that compose the western region of NCARB.

The Future: The strategic plan is a dynamic plan, looking ahead a year or more on various issues. Next year, we hope to lay out a longer-term strategy to address issues that cannot be solved in a short timeframe. All of the above mentioned issues will be addressed. Others, such as examinations, will be added to the list.

If you have any issues or concerns that you think should be addressed, we would like your input. ■



Board Welcomes New Member

We are pleased to welcome Frank Y. Chiu to the California Architects Board. Mr. Chiu was appointed to the Board by Governor Davis on March 5, 2002. Since January 1995, Mr. Chiu has served as director of the Department of Building Inspection for the City and County of San Francisco, bringing more than two decades of innovative management and hands-on experience in building code enforcement. Mr. Chiu manages a staff of 285 professional engineers; building, electrical, housing, and plumbing inspectors; and various support staff to ensure that life and property within the City and County of San Francisco are safeguarded. The Department of Building Inspection processes and approves over 59,500 permits with a total construction valuation of over \$2.4 billion annually.

Prior to his appointment as director, Mr. Chiu served as manager for various programs including permit approval, building inspection, and code enforcement programs with the City and County of San Francisco. He joined San Francisco as a building inspector in 1983. Mr. Chiu was also a building inspector for the City of Daly City, and a general contractor.

Mr. Chiu is a certified building official and is currently a member of California Building Officials, California Association of Code Enforcement, International Conference of Building Officials and the National Conference of States on Building Codes and Standards. ■



2002 Committees Update

The committees of the California Architects Board had a productive 2001 and are moving full speed into 2002 with a list of tasks to complete. Each of these committees is driven by the volunteer efforts of a committed group of individuals. We would like to thank those who contributed their time in 2001 and let you know who is serving for 2002. We are always looking for architects and related professionals who are interested in serving on committees. If you have an interest, please contact us at (916) 445-3394 or by email at cab@dca.ca.gov.

Professional Qualifications Committee

Members: Ed Oremen (Chair), Gordon Carrier, Frank Chiu, Christine Lampert, Marc Sandstrom, Donald Crosby, R.K. Stewart, Barry Wasserman

The Professional Qualifications Committee is charged with ensuring the professional qualifications of those practicing architecture by recommending requirements for education, experience, and examinations. It also reviews the practice of architecture to ensure the Architects Practice Act accurately reflects areas of practice.

This Committee was formed in 1996 as a result of a need identified during strategic planning.

Activities 2002:

- Continue progress on IDP implementation and communication plans
- Propose revised regulations to incorporate the IDP requirement
- Partner with AIACC to conduct an education forum, slated for January 2003
- Monitor and support the efforts of AIACC's certification programs for architects

Competency-Based IDP Task Force

Members: R.K. Stewart (Chair), Christine Lampert, L. Kirk Miller, Donald Crosby, Betsy Olenick Dougherty, Linda Sanders, Letrice Sherrillo, Paul Welch

The Competency-Based IDP Task Force was established to investigate the feasibility of implementing a competency-based component for the IDP requirement.

Activities 2002:

- Complete competency-based IDP feasibility study

- Make recommendation regarding competency-based IDP feasibility and possible program design

IDP Implementation Task Force

Members: Ed Oremen (Chair), Cynthia Choy Ong, Allan Cooper, Mackey Deasy, Betsey Olenick Dougherty, Cynthia Easton, Ed Mojica, Lynn Morris, Ronald Ronconi, Paul Welch, Douglas Whiteaker, R.K. Stewart (Ex Officio Member)

The IDP Implementation Task Force was created to assist the Professional Qualifications Committee with implementation of the IDP requirement effective January 1, 2005.

Activities 2002:

- Develop an IDP implementation action plan addressing actions that need to be taken by the Board, practitioners, AIA, the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB), interns, and candidates
- Develop an IDP communication plan

Examination Committee

Members: Christine Lampert (Chair), Marc Sandstrom (Vice-Chair), Cynthia Choy Ong, Charlie Brown, Glenn Gall, Richard Holden, George Ikenoyama, James McGlothlin, Carol Tink-Fox

The Examination Committee is charged with overseeing the content, development, and administration of the CSE, as well as reviewing the ARE content and administration issues. The name was changed after the Board's 2002 strategic planning session, because responsibility for oversight of the ARE was moved to this Committee from the Professional Qualifications Committee. Activities for this Committee are ongoing.

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Group. Among his professional accomplishments, Crowell is the co-author of DPIC's *Contract Guide, A Risk Management Handbook for Architectural, Engineering and Environmental Professionals*.

Crowell retired last December and hopes this retirement lasts longer than his 90-day retirement ten years ago.

Cynthia Easton, AIA Sacramento

Easton began her involvement with the Board in 1986 when she was asked to help create the California Architects Licensing Exam (CALE). She was reluctant at first, not confident of her item writing skills and unsure of what her contribution could be. When she realized professionals would help on the item writing and that her participation would bring a woman's perspective to the effort, she agreed.

"I was pleased to be able to represent women architects in something so important," said Easton. "When I started in the profession, it was more male-dominated than it had been in the 1940s, when women came into the profession to replace men who were fighting the war. As late as 1975, I recall one professor's reluctance to hire a woman professor because he felt he would be taking the job away from a breadwinner. So you can see how far we've come."

"We have an obligation to ensure that the exam remains fair to all," added Easton, "to make the road

equal for all and bring the men up to a higher standard. Serving in the various roles has allowed me to contribute to the profession, to have an impact, and to ensure fairness for all candidates."

Since her first involvement, Easton has continued taking on more active roles in both the Board and NCARB, participating in bringing the ARE up to our CALE standards of equality, and on several Board groups, including the Professional Qualifications Committee, the Communications Committee, and the IDP Implementation Task Force. In addition, she has served as a California Supplemental Exam commissioner and as a master commissioner since 1990. As a recognized leader in promoting IDP, she has participated in the Board's efforts and has worked as a mentor for interns seeking NCARB certification.

Easton is the owner of Cynthia Easton, Architect, a Sacramento firm that specializes in a variety of projects from industrial plants to multifamily housing.

George Ikenoyama San Luis Obispo

In preparing this article, a quick search of the Internet revealed that Cal Poly professor George Ikenoyama holds a perfect 4.0 from the unofficial, but very popular, Polyratings database, where students grade and review professors. His popularity is no doubt related directly to a passion for teaching that has moved him beyond the college campus to help design and write items and exams for both CAB and NCARB. He has

also been a California Supplemental Examination commissioner since 1982 and a master commissioner since 1987.

"I'd like to see everyone in the field find ways to promote the profession," said Ikenoyama. "As an educator, my role seemed fairly clear and I was fortunate to have the time to give."

He added, "Personally, I've gained as much as I've given. I've been able to meet architects from all over California through CAB and from across the nation through NCARB. That has given me the opportunity to see what is happening to the practice of architecture, and is an important perspective to bring back to my students. With what I learn, I can keep my students up to date on licensing requirements and give them a sense of what is happening in the field. I think that helps prepare them for practice."

Ikenoyama is professor emeritus of architecture at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo and is a partner in a small architectural firm.

Jack Paddon, AIA Roseville

There's a saying: If you want something done, ask a busy man. Jack Paddon certainly fits that bill. As principal of an architectural firm that has more than doubled in two years and expanded to Phoenix, he has his hands full without dedicating hours to the Board and various community groups.

"Personally and as a firm, we believe that volunteering in the community and for the profession is a key part

of what makes us more than just a commodity-based business,” said Paddon.

“The Board’s role in protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the public is more than just maintaining minimum standards, it carries forward to providing better service to the public, which keeps the profession strong.”

Paddon began volunteering with the Board in 1986, as part of the same group as Cynthia Easton, formulating what was then known as the California Architects Licensing Exam. Since that time, he has served as a California Supplemental Examination (CSE) commissioner, becoming a master commissioner in 1999. He has also served on the Board’s Communications Commit-

tee since its inception and on the 1999 CSE Item Writing Committee.

“There are benefits that you can’t quantify — staying up on the regulations and meeting with and learning from peers from around the state. I gain new perspectives, and what I learn benefits the entire firm.” Added Paddon, “As important, I recognize that this is a mutual investment. The Board has invested time and resources over the years, and I feel I have a responsibility to ensure they get a good return on that investment.”

Fred Yerou Los Angeles

Fred Yerou has served as a California Supplemental Examination (CSE) commissioner for almost 20 years, becoming a master

commissioner in 1987. He has graciously expanded his duties over the years, serving on the CSE Committee, the CSE Item Writing Committee, the Test Plan Committee and the Standard Setting Committee. In addition, he has been a grader for both the CSE and NCARB’s Architect Registration Examination (ARE).

Still, the award came as a surprise to Yerou, “I started out thinking that serving as a commissioner was a small task that I might find interesting. One task led to another and before I knew it, I had done quite a few things.”

Yerou’s work has extended beyond the regulatory and licensing areas of the practice. He served as president

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AIACC President Looks Ahead to a Busy Year

As AIACC’s president for 2002, Carl Meyer is placing the spotlight on collaboration. With an understanding that there are large issues and tasks confronting California architects, he believes strongly in the spirit of inclusiveness and the power of combined effort.

“There are close to 20 professional and collateral organizations that affect the education, licensure, and practice of an architect,” said Meyer. “My focus is on finding ways to come together to discuss our variant views and build consensus. As we face issues in education, with IDP, and in the changing nature of practice, working together is the only way we’ll make progress.”

One of the ways the AIACC is approaching the task is through development of the Institute for Advanced

Education and Practice that will house academies directed at specific issues. Tentative names for the first academies are:

Academy of Emerging Professionals

Architectural education and mentoring, including IDP implementation, come under this focus area. Goals include creating forums and programs, such as the AIACC’s Mentoring Program (www.aiacc.org/mentoring/index.html), to address the issues faced by architectural students and graduates entering the profession.

Academy of Strategic Planning and Development

Continuing design and management of the newly created Certified Development Strategist (CDS) program (www.aiacc.org/developmentstrategist/index.html) falls into this area. The goal of the CDS program is to provide professional evaluation and public recognition for architects whose practices encompass project planning, programming, design, and construction management. The designation responds to the changing nature of the architecture,

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Communications Committee

Members: Marc Sandstrom (Chair), Richard Conrad, Cynthia Easton, Jack Paddon, Ronald Ronconi

The Communications Committee is charged with overseeing the Board's communications and identifying strategies to effectively communicate to key audiences. The Committee serves as the editorial body for the Board's newsletter, *California Architects*, and provides strategic input on enhancing the use of the Internet to communicate with the Board's stakeholders. The Committee also oversees a variety of outreach programs, such as the speaker's bureau and education liaison program.

Activities 2002:

- Communicate new requirements under Assembly Bill (AB) 1144 to licensees
- Continue a timed information release regarding IDP
- Utilize the Board's Web site to solicit feedback from licensees

Post-Licensure Competency Implementation Task Force

Members: Marc Sandstrom (Chair), Paul Neel (Vice-Chair), Christine Lampert, Kirk Miller, John Canestro, Merlyn Isaak, R.K. Stewart

The Post-Licensure Competency Implementation Task Force was established to follow up on the work of the Task Force on Post-Licensure Competency by disseminating the survey results to interested parties, recommending to AIACC, NCARB, California Building Officials, etc., the development of publications, courses, etc. on targeted practice areas, and publishing articles for the Board's newsletter.

Activities 2002:

- Make recommendations to the Board regarding results of the California Architect Proficiency Survey

Regulatory and Enforcement Committee

Members: John Canestro (Chair), Cynthia Choy Ong (Vice-Chair), Frank Chiu, Richard Conrad, Richard Crowell, Fred Cullum, Robert DePietro, Robert George, Merlyn Isaak

The Regulatory and Enforcement Committee is charged with 1) making recommendations regarding the establishment of regulatory standards of practice for architects, 2) recommending and establishing policies and procedures designed to protect consumers by preventing violations and enforcing standards when violations occur, and 3) informing the public and licensees of the Board's standards and enforcement programs.

Activities 2002:

- Implement AB 1144, which requires an architect to file with the Board his or her current mailing address and the proper and current name and address of the business entity through which he or she provides architectural services
- Participate in the Board's public hearings regarding proposed revisions to CCR 134 and the repeal of CCR 135 prior to submittal of a proposed regulatory package
- Continue consideration of proposed language to amend the 1998 California Building Code to require construction observation services by architects
- Continue to review the Board's consumer complaint disclosure policy and procedures and recommend possible revisions ■

California Supplemental Examination

The California Supplemental Examination was administered six times in 2001. Overall results for exams taken January–December 2001 are as follows:

	Number of Candidates	Total Passed	% Passed	Total Failed	% Failed
California Supplemental Examination	745	380	51.0%	365	49.0%



ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

CAB is responsible for receiving and investigating complaints against licensees and unlicensed persons. CAB also retains the authority to make final decisions on all enforcement actions taken against its licensees.

Included below is a brief description of recent enforcement actions taken by CAB against individuals who were found to be in violation of the Architects Practice Act.

Every effort is made to ensure that the following information is correct. Before making any decision based upon this information, you should contact CAB. Further information on specific violations may also be obtained by contacting the Board's Enforcement Unit at (916) 445-3394.

GREGORY PAUL AMONSON (Pleasanton)

The Board issued an administrative citation that included a \$2,000 civil penalty to Gregory Paul Amonson, architect license number #C-15033, for a violation of Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 5536(b) (Practice Without a License or Holding Self Out as Architect). Amonson's license was expired from June 30, 1999 until renewal on January 10, 2001. His license was expired again from June 30, 2001 until renewal on September 7, 2001. This action was based on evidence that while Amonson's license was expired, he unlawfully affixed his architect's stamp on four separate sets of plans, two each time his license was expired. The citation became effective on March 20, 2002.

DEAN WILLIAM BURKE (Red Bluff)

The Board issued an administrative citation that included a \$1,000 civil penalty to Dean William Burke, an unlicensed individual, for a violation of BPC section 5536(a) (Practice Without a License or Holding Self Out as Architect). This action was taken based on evidence that revealed Burke had prepared a written agreement stating that "Architectural" services would be provided. Burke prepared plans for the renovation and addition of an existing dental office, a non-exempt project type

requiring a licensed design professional. He also used business cards and prepared plans on title block sheets that read "dean wm. Burke Architectural Design." The citation became effective on December 19, 2001.

MARK C. DAY (Palm Desert)

The Board issued an administrative citation to Mark C. Day, an unlicensed individual, for violations of BPC section 5536(a) for use of the title "Architect." This action was taken based on evidence that Day had a business card and Web page on the Internet which stated that he was the "Owner/Architect" of California Court Builders located in Palm Desert, California. The citation became effective on March 31, 2002.

PETER M. R. JACOBSON (Fremont)

The Board issued an administrative citation that included a \$1,750 civil penalty to Peter M.R. Jacobson, architect license number #C-1831, for a violation of BPC sections 5536.22(a)(4) and (5) (Written Contract) and 5584 (Negligence). This action was taken based on evidence that the contract Jacobson executed with his client did not include a description of the procedure that the architect

and the client would use to accommodate additional services or a description of the procedure to be used by either party to terminate the contract. In addition, Jacobson was negligent for failing to provide services in a timely manner as agreed to in the contract and failing to revise and resubmit the architectural documents in compliance with the local building department's Building and Safety comments. Jacobson paid the civil penalty satisfying the citation. The citation became effective on January 31, 2002.

JAMES SPENCER MALOTT (Tiburon)

The Board issued an administrative citation to James Spencer Malott, architect license number #C-15134, for a violation of BPC section 5536.22 (Written Contract). This action was taken based on evidence that Malott provided professional services without an executed written contract. The citation became effective on March 27, 2002.

LOUIS FABIAN ROMERO (Newhall)

The Board issued an administrative citation that included a \$1,500 civil penalty to Louis Fabian Romero, an unlicensed individual, for violations of BPC section 5536(a) (Practice Without a License or Holding Self Out as Architect). This action was taken based on evidence that Mr. Romero presented a client with a business card that offered "Architectural Design," had a sign in front of his business which offered "Architectural Design," and had his telephone number listed in the 2001 Santa Clarita Valley Arnold Directory under the "Architects" heading. Romero paid the civil penalty satisfying the citation. The citation became effective on February 7, 2002.



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for the AIA's San Fernando chapter and took on several roles within that organization.

"As architects, I think we all need to do a little when and where we can," said Yerou. "It's important for the profession, it's beneficial to the firm, and it's rewarding to the individual. I still find being a commissioner interesting, both because of the interaction with other professionals and because I discover new ideas, which stimulates me to continue learning. I think every time I come back from an exam, you'll find me researching some new area that caught my attention. I look forward to doing this for quite some time."

Yerou is a partner in The Luckman Partnership, a Los Angeles-based planning and architectural design firm. ■

AIACC President *continued*

engineering and construction industry and addresses the tendency to limit architects to the role of design.

Sustainable Design

The AIACC continues to maintain strong involvement in sustainable design, sponsoring competitions and working with state officials to increase sustainable design practices in government buildings. The AIACC mission is championed by California State Architect Stephan Castellanos, FAIA, who has helped spearhead the effort. In February, Governor Gray Davis signed an executive order supporting the endeavor.

Advocacy

Finally, advocacy efforts will continue with the AIACC representing the practice in legislative issues that include professional liability insurance and labor law issues.

Meyer is a partner with Altoon + Porter Architects, headquartered in Los Angeles. For further information about the efforts of the AIACC, please visit their Web site at www.aiacc.org. ■

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